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Applicant: SHUICHI KANNO ET AL.

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Title: PROCESS FOR TREATING FLUORINE COMPOUND-
CONTAINING GAS

PETITION FOR SUSPENSION OF ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.103(a)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Further to the RCE and Request for Suspension of Action Under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) filed on August 13, 2001, Applicants respectfully petition suspension of action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for an additional three months under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(a).

(1) This suspension is necessary in order to provide data and/or other evidence regarding non-obviousness of the claimed invention over U.S. Patent No. 6,069,291 (Rossin). Further, Assignee's (Hitachi Ltd.) Japanese representative was forced to cancel plans to meet in person with Applicants' U.S. representatives due to a change in company policy regarding air travel in view of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Accordingly, correspondence has been limited to facsimile and videoconference. Thus, good and sufficient cause for the requested suspension has been shown.

(2) This Petition is accompanied by a check in the amount of \$130.00 for the required fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(h).

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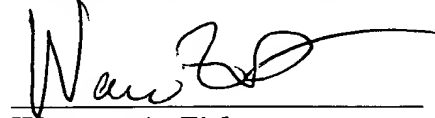
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If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #381AS/50311TR).

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